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SUBJECT: REPLY TO PROTEST NOTE

REF: 75 STATE 302052,

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REPLY TO OUR NOTE NUMBER 1639
PROTESTING THE CONTENTS OF AN ARTICLE IN PRAVDA. THE EMBASSY'S
INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. "THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, REFERRING TO AMERICAN EMBASSY NOTE NO.
1639 OF 24 DECEMBER 1975, REJECTS AS COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED THE
PROTEST CONTAINED THEREIN CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION IN PRAVDA ON
DECEMBER 18, 1975, OF AN ARTICLE ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA.

"AS IS OBVIOUSLY APPARENT FROM THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE "ROUTE TO
THE FRONT;" THE ARTICLE WAS COMPLETELY BASED ON PERSONAL
OBSERVATIONS OF ITS AUTHOR, AS WELL AS ON MATERIAL FROM THE
FOREIGN PRESS.

"MOREOVER, WITHOUT MENTIONING THE ESSENCE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION
IN ANGOLA, IT IS NECESSARY TO NOTE THAT IN THE SUBJECT ARTICLE IN
GENERAL NOTHING IS SAID ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, INCLUDING (THE PHRASE) 'THE CONNIVANCE ON THE SIDE
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN MASS KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS
IN ANGOLA.'" SIMILAR INTERPRETATIONS OF THE FACTUAL CONTENTS OF
THE ARTICLE REFLECT THE EMBASSY'S OWN VIEWPOINT, FOR WHICH THE
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EMBASSY IS RESPONSIBLE."

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